

Adam John Riehl

Adam John Riehl, 24, who was born and raised in Great Falls, died of Ewing's sarcoma Thursday in Shepherd.



Riehl

His memorial service is 2 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Great Falls.

Schnider Funeral Home is

Adam John Riehl was born Nov. 8, 1984, with a smile on his face and a smile in his heart. Adam lost a long and courageous battle with Ewing's sarcoma on Jan. 22, 2009, at the home of his fiancé's parents, Mark and Mardy Jones, in Shepherd, with his family by his side. Adam's smile, positive attitude and vital personality, along with his great sense of humor, inspired everyone who had the pleasure of being a part of his life.

Adam knew that there was a bigger and better purpose planned for him other than his brief existence on this Earth. With this knowledge, he lived his life to the fullest. No one that met Adam could walk away untouched.

Adam began his life as a farm boy by Bootlegger Trail north of Great Falls. He was joined by his little sister and best friend, Whitney, in 1987.

He attended Meadowlark Elementary, Paris Gibson Middle School and C.M. Russell High School. He was active in wrestling, BMX, football, basketball and snowboarding. He was honored in high school with the "Spirit of Discovery" award presented by U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg. He also was homecoming king his senior year at CMR.

Adam's wrestling career was cut short by the discovery of Ewing's sarcoma at the age of 14. After treatment for a year in Portland, Ore., Adam came home and graduated, and started attending Montana State University, where he met his fiancé and soul mate, Lindsay Jones.

Adam was taught carpentry by a dear family friend, Darrell Quinn, and, with this knowledge, he spent his summer months at college pursuing his love of woodworking by building decks for Bozeman Deck Company.

His love of the outdoors was often shared by his soul mate, Lindsay, including many hours of 4-wheeling, fishing and his ever-loving passion for hunting. Adam was allowed the dream hunt of a lifetime this past fall when he shot a large cow elk and a Boone and Crockett mule deer in one day hosted by the Bert Hurwitz family.

Adam's cancer returned in 2007. He resumed his treatment in Seattle, where many good friends and family members assisted by providing love and comfort. His forever friends Josh Talley, Milton Cody and Nate Fairbanks were with him to encourage him and just be buddies as much as time would allow. Lindsay, Adam's love of his life, never gave up and never left his side.

Their love will go on forever.

Adam is survived by his mother and stepfather, Richard and Allyson Gallagher; his father, Brad Riehl; his sister, Whitney; his fiancé, Lindsay Jones; his grandparents, Norma Hooker and Marge and Jack Riehl; aunts and uncles Janice Noracker, Julie Bryant, Leslie and Jim Rowinski, Loren and Kris Hooker and Clay and Shirley Riehl; and his cousins, Alan and Dustin Noracker, Spencer and Tyler Bryant, Kristin and Carly Riehl and Emily Hooker. Lindsay's family, who was a huge part of his life, include her parents, Mark and Mardy Jones; siblings Trin and Jamie Jones and Justine, Robert and Gavin Quanbeck; and grandparents Jim and Jean Ellis, Gordon Walter and Paul Jones.

Adam was preceded in death by his grandfather, William H. Hooker Jr.

Adam has been a true inspiration to many, proven by the profound love returned to him by so many friends and family members that never gave up hoping he could beat this monster that stole this precious young man from us in the prime of his life. We are immeasurably thankful for the joy you gave us all. Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

Adam's wish was to give older cancer patients the opportunity to hunt with ease and have their dreams come true like his.

In lieu of flowers, there will be an account set up at Stockman Bank for The Riehl-Deal Hunt.

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WB 549

February 17, 2009

Representative Dickenson
Montana House of Representatives

Re: Environmental Health Tracking HB549

Dear Representative Dickenson,

I am writing to lend my support HB549. I was privileged to have been involved in the earlier effort to establish an environmental health tracking program in Montana. As a biomedical scientist I am committed to identifying the causes and potential cures of diseases that could adversely affect the lives of all Montana residents. Essentially, there are two main effectors of human diseases, environment and genetics. Genetics are hereditary factors that are beyond our control although through additional research, gene therapy will eventually be able to treat certain diseases. Alternatively, we have the ability to identify environmental agents that contribute to human diseases. One of the cost effective tools to identify environmental agents is through establishing health tracking databases. This is a proactive epidemiological tool permitting identification of disease patterns in real time. Consequently it is another way of reducing mortality and morbidity. Therefore, I encourage passage of HB549 for the benefit of all Montana residents.

I am an experienced grant writer and teach a grantsmanship course at The University of Montana. In addition, I have research experience in respiratory diseases such as asthma, fibrosis and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases. I am willing to lend my experience and training to establishing an environmental health tracking program in Montana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrij Holian".

Andrij Holian, Ph.D.
Director, Center for Environmental Health Sciences
Professor of Toxicology
The University of Montana

Hello, my name is Judy Loomis and I am here before you to ask for your support for the Environmental Health Tracking Bill # 549

I have a special interest in this bill. There seems to be a high rate of Multiple Sclerosis or MS in my hometown of Fairfield, MT. MS takes a vibrant, healthy, active person and slowly kills. Have you ever had to watch someone with MS suffer through the illness? There are five people in my age group that I knew or knew personally that have or had MS. None of these five people are related, the only thing they have in common is that they grew up on the Fairfield Bench. Steve died in his 30's the others are still living. Two of these people have a very special place in my heart. One is my sister, Sharon and the other is my sister-in-law Jody.

Sharon can no longer take care of herself. Her husband has to lift her in and out of bed, bathe her, brush her teeth, dress her, she can still feed herself but chokes easily therefore she has difficulty eating and drinking. If I want to talk to her on the phone I have to call early in the morning any later and she has difficulty talking because she chokes. Thank God for e-mail. Jody is not far behind Sharon, she can still take care of some of her needs but does need help doing everyday activities.

Why, in such a small community as Fairfield is MS so prevalent? What is causing this? The five people I know only account for the ones in my age group, I am sure there are others. Why? Is it the fertilizers, pesticides, or some other compound used in raising crops and livestock that got into the ground water that has caused this? Is it heredity? Maybe, but then none of the five I know are related and as far as we know no one in my family or my Jody's family had MS.

By passing this bill maybe the answers can be found. It is too late for the people I know to be helped, there is no cure but by passing bill #549 maybe the reason could be found, therefore maybe a cure. If by passing Bill # 549 one person is saved from the devastating disease of MS or one family can be saved from watching one of their loved ones suffer and die from MS it would be worth it.

I am asking you to please help. Please pass the Environmental Health Tracking Bill. Please help someone out there and their family from the heartache of MS.

Thank you.



RE: Environ.Public Health

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 9:36 PM

From: "Carter, Gary (IHS/BIL)" <Gary.Carter@ihs.gov>

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Representative Dickenson,

I am currently on annual leave with a newly born baby and exhausted wife, so I'm afraid I won't be able to make it tomorrow or even provide you with a decent written statement. However, for what it's worth, here are some main points I would make in favor of this bill:

- Without actively seeking linkages between environmental disease agents and their impact on human health, it is extremely difficult to know that a causal or contributing relationship even exists.
- Environmental public health data tracking and linking efforts have been successful in identifying chronic diseases that are exacerbated or caused by disease agents in the environment. Childhood asthma exacerbations would be one example.
- Emerging trends and patterns of diseases with environmental etiologies can be detected using tracking. This may be significant due to the effect climate change might have on various disease agents.

I hope this is helpful. If you would like to contact me at home, please feel free to do so: 406-259-5510.

LCDR Gary Carter, MPH, CIH, REHS, DAAS
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Exhibit 1

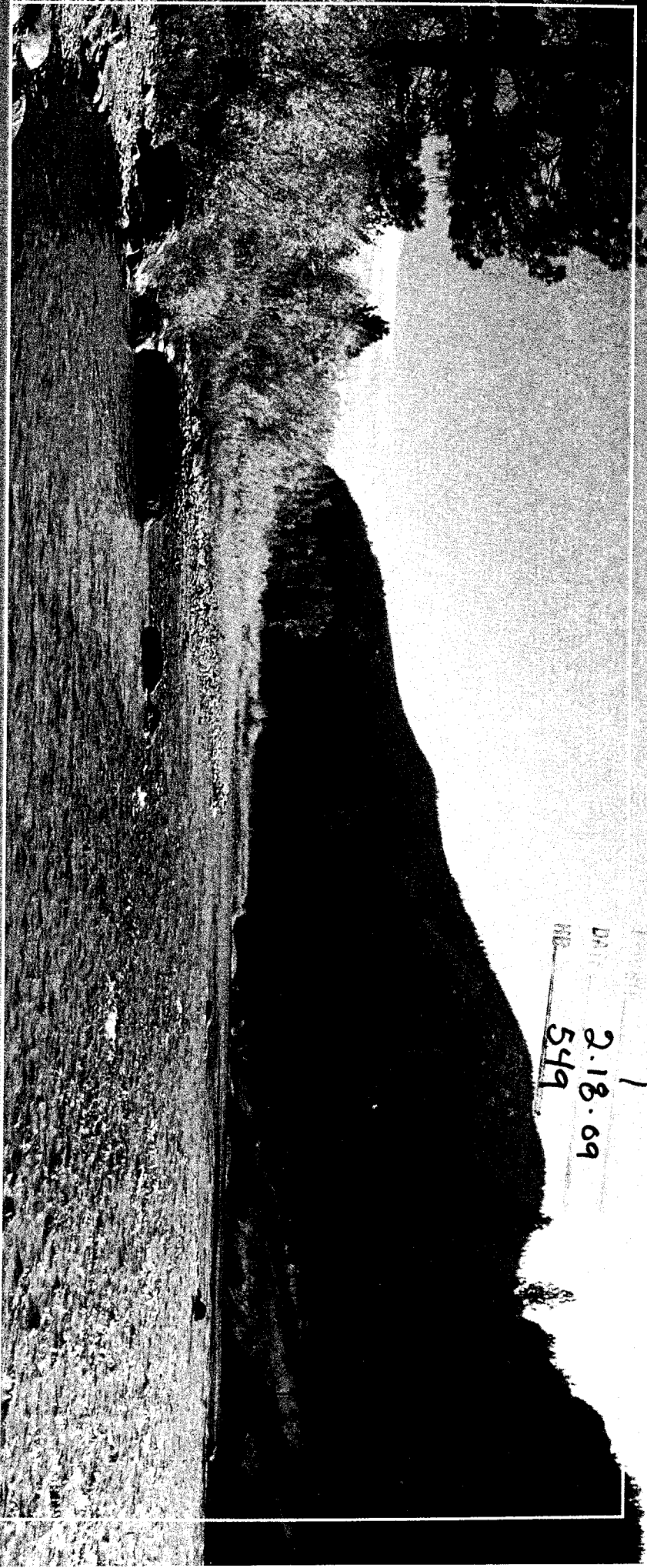
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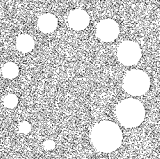
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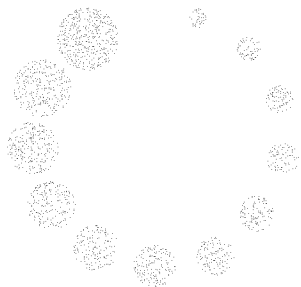
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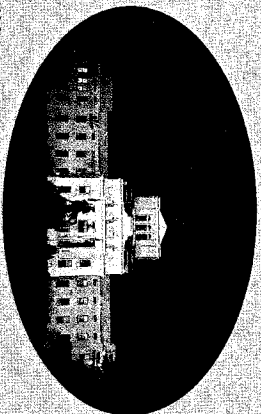
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My Fellow Montanans:

It's likely that every one of us has been impacted by the burden and tragedy of cancer. It affects fathers and mothers, children, grandparents ... and it could strike any of us tomorrow, next week, or a year from now.

The medical field has made great progress in the fight against cancer over the last decade, and I believe we are on the verge of breakthroughs on a number of social, medical, and scientific fronts. Effective cancer prevention and control requires thorough, collaborative planning and coordination. The Montana Cancer Control Coalition has taken on that task. Over the last two years, this coalition has brought together hundreds of people from around our state. Together they have created a plan that will help prevent, reduce, and control cancer. These committed people shared their collective knowledge and expertise for the good of all. The result is this five-year Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan for Montana.

The plan is a living document, and one that will change and evolve over time. It is also a plan that honors our ability to make progress in our efforts to control a deadly disease. This is a process that can – and should – give us hope for the future. By working together, we can truly ensure a healthier Montana.

Governor Brian Schweitzer



This plan reflects the work of dozens of organizations and over 150 Montanans. They came together to share their time, knowledge, and resources. Each and every one deserves our heartfelt appreciation for their unselfish investment in a healthier Montana.

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